16318. Adulteration of walnuts in shell. U. S. v. 24 Bags of Walnuts in Shell. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 23253. I. S. No. 03573. S. No. 1363.)

On December 18, 1928, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 24 bags of walnuts in shell, remaining in the original packages at Brooklyn, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by the W. J. Cooney Co., from Augusta, Ga., on or about March 1, 1928, and transported from the State of Georgia into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted

in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On March 18, 1929, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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16319. Misbranding of fine ground alfalfa meal and chicken greens.
U. S. v. 110 Sacks of Fine Ground Alfalfa Meal, et al. Decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Products released under bond.

(F. & D. Nos. 23534, 23535. I. S. Nos. 013168, 013169, 013173. S. Nos. 1774, 1775.)

On March 18, 1929, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 200 sacks of fine ground alfalfa meal, and 298 sacks of chicken greens, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the California Hawaiian Milling Co., from San Francisco, Calif., in part January 8, 1929, and in part January 21, 1929, and transported from the State of California into the State of Maryland, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act. The articles were labeled in part, respectively: "Fine Ground Alfalfa Meal * * * Crude Protein, not less than 14.00, Crude Fibre, not more than 30.00 * * * Manufactured by California Hawaiian Milling Co., San Francisco, Calif." and "Chicken Greens * * * Crude Protein not less than 20.0%, Crude Fibre not more than 18.0% * * * Manufactured by California Hawaiian Milling Co., San Francisco, Cal."

It was alleged in the libels that the articles were misbranded in that the statements "Crude Protein, not less than 14.00" and "Crude Fibre, not more than 30.00," with respect to the fine ground alfalfa meal, and "Crude Protein, not less than 20.0%" and "Crude Fibre, not more than 18.0%," with respect to the chicken greens, were false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser.

On March 30, 1929, and April 3, 1929, the Baltimore Feed & Grain Co., Baltimore, Md., and the California Hawaiian Milling Co., San Francisco, Calif., having appeared as claimants for respective portions of the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the products be released to the respective claimants, upon payment of costs and the execution of bonds totaling \$2,080, conditioned in part that they should not be sold or disposed of until correctly labeled.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, Secretary of Agriculture.

16320. Misbranding of vinegar. U. S. v. 39 Cases of Vinegar. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 22799. I. S. No. 13197-x. S. No. 828.)

On May 29, 1928, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 39 cases of vinegar, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Pueblo, Colo., consigned by Robb Ross Co., Sioux City, Iowa, alleging that the article had been shipped from Sioux City, Iowa, on or about August 23, 1927, and transported from the State of Iowa into the State of Colorado, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Jugs) "Tropical Brand Pure Apple Cider Vinegar Reduced to 4½ per cent Acidity Packed by Robb Ross Co., Sioux City, Iowa."